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Applicant(s):	Scott J. TUMAN et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	1762
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed 23 August 2006 has been received and reviewed. No claims have been added, canceled, or amended. Therefore, claims 71-79, 81-90, and 92-108 are pending. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested as discussed below.

The 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 71-79, 81-84, 86-90, 92-106, and 108 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wessels et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,699,120). This rejection is respectfully traversed.